

Union Calendar No. 592

84TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 8710

[Report No. 1688]

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 1956

Mr. VINSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

JANUARY 30, 1956

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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## A BILL

To amend the Armed Services Procurement Act of 1947.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 That the Act of February 19, 1948 (62 Stat. 21) is hereby  
4 amended as follows:

5 (a) Section 2 (c) (1) is hereby amended to read as  
6 follows:

7 “(1) determined to be necessary in the public  
8 interest during the period of a national emergency  
9 declared by the Congress;”.

10 (b) Section 2 (c) (3) is hereby amended to read  
11 as follows:

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1           “(3) the aggregate amount involved does not  
2       exceed \$2,500”.

3       (c) Section 2 (c) (9) is hereby amended to read  
4 as follows:

5           “(9) for perishable or nonperishable subsistence  
6       supplies”.

7       (d) Section 2 (c) (17) is hereby amended to read  
8 as follows:

9           “(17) otherwise authorized by law; or when nego-  
10       tiation of contracts is otherwise authorized by law in  
11       furtherance of small business, labor surplus or major  
12       disaster area programs”.

13       (e) Section 2 is amended as follows:

14           “(e) It is the declared policy of the Congress that all  
15       procurement shall be by advertised bidding; and none of  
16       the exceptions in section 2 (c) of this Act shall be used  
17       by any agency head or person herein authorized to contract  
18       for supplies and services unless the facts and the circum-  
19       stances in justification thereof are clear and convincing.”

20       (f) Section 7 (b) is hereby amended by deleting the  
21       figure “\$25,000” and inserting in lieu thereof the figure  
22       “\$100,000”.

23       (g) Add the following new subsection to section 7:

24           “(e) Not later than February 15 and August 15 of  
25       each calendar year following the date of enactment of this

1 amendatory Act, the Department of Defense shall report  
2 to the Congress—

3 “(1) all contracts of \$10,000 and over showing  
4 the dollar value and the number thereof separated as  
5 between those which were formally advertised and those  
6 which were negotiated showing as to the latter the num-  
7 ber and dollar value of such contracts negotiated under  
8 each of the several negotiation authorities provided  
9 herein; and

10 “(2) the total number and dollar value of all con-  
11 tracts under \$10,000 separated as to those which were  
12 advertised and those which were negotiated.

13 said report to cover the period January 1 through June 30  
14 or July 1 through December 31, as appropriate, next pre-  
15 ceding the date of the filing of said report.”

16 (h) Section 15 of the Act of August 9, 1955 (~~62 Stat.~~  
17 ~~22~~ 69 Stat. 547) is hereby repealed.

18 (i) Section 13 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 “(13) The provisions of this amendatory Act shall  
20 become effective ninety days after the date of enact-  
21 ment.”

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